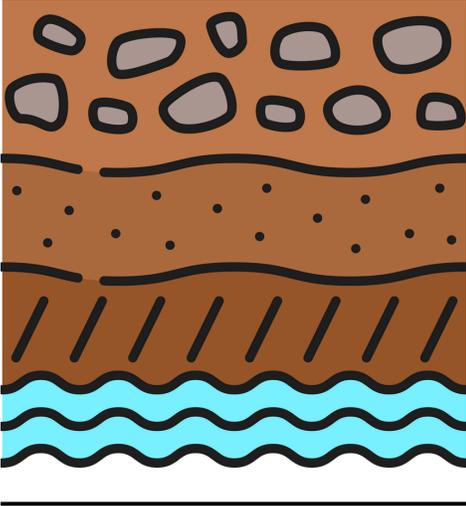


# Newsletter

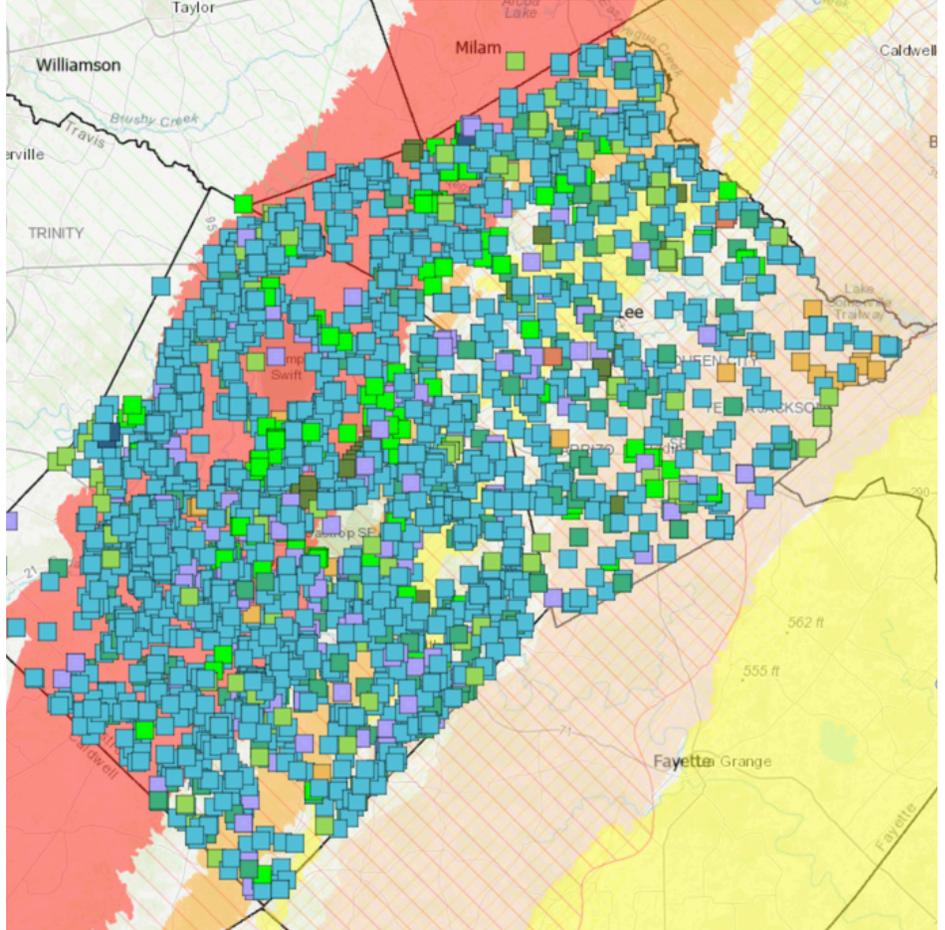


## Our Purpose

The LPGCD is the state's preferred method of groundwater management in the Bastrop and Lee Counties. Per Texas Water Code Section 36.0015, LPGCD is to manage groundwater by balancing all property interests and providing for the preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater.

Under Texas Water Code Section 36.1071, LPGCD must develop a groundwater management plan providing management goals to help the district meet that purpose.

We are mandated by the state, per Texas Water Code Section 35.012, to provide educational programs to the public relating to the problems and issues concerning water management.



## New Public Well and Aquifer Database

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District has created a brand new digital well database, pictured above. This database shows and gives basic information on all the groundwater wells in the Bastrop and Lee Counties. It also shows the minor and major aquifers present in the district.

You can access the well database at [lostpinesgcd.half.com/Map/Public](http://lostpinesgcd.half.com/Map/Public) or by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device.





## Monthly Conservation Tip: Water Your Yard in the Mornings or Evenings

Water your yard in the early mornings or late evenings! Water evaporates more quickly when the sun is high. Therefore, watering our yards in the morning or evening reduces water usage up to 40% and ensures that the water stays in the soil. To save even more water, make sure that you are only watering your yard and not driveways and sidewalks. You can also use a drip irrigation system instead of sprinklers to send targeted amounts of water to the exact areas you need watered.

**Think smart. Save water. Save money.**

## FREE Water Well Monitoring and Well Water Quality Analysis

It is important for your private water well to be tested annually. Did you know that we provide FREE well water monitoring and quality analysis? Water samples will be screened for contaminants, including total coliform bacteria, E. coli, nitrate-nitrogen, and salinity. To learn more, contact our office by calling (512) 360-5088 or email our General Manager, James Totten, at [jtotten@lostpineswater.org](mailto:jtotten@lostpineswater.org).



## Applications for Young Texan Ambassadors Open

The Young Texan Ambassador (YTA) program supports the next generation of community and environmental leaders. The 9-month service, learning, and environmental education program is entirely online and open to youth ages 15-25. If selected for the program, the ambassador completes a cleanup and a capstone service project in their community of choice. Applications are open through July 12, 2024. To learn more and apply, scan the QR code or go to [texanbynature.org](http://texanbynature.org).



## New Hire: Education and Outreach Coordinator



The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is happy to announce that it has hired Claire Marks as the new Education and Conservation Outreach Coordinator. She will be responsible for developing and administering the District's education, conservation, and community outreach programs. Ms. Marks, a pianist and outdoors enthusiast, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside, in 2018. As a California State Senate Fellow, she championed the passage of two Senate Bills into law before serving as Floor Manager for the California State Senate Republican Caucus. She recently graduated from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M earning her Master of Public Administration degree with an emphasis in analysis of energy, environmental, and water public policies. She is looking forward to working for the District to help Bastrop and Lee County residents conserve water for future generations.

## Upcoming Events

July 4th - Independence Day, Office CLOSED

July 17th - LPGCD Public District Meeting,  
LPGCD Office, 6:00 pm

July 18th - POSGCD Annual Groundwater  
Summit, Caldwell Civic Center, 9:00 am to  
4:00pm

## Helpful Links



[Region G regional water planning group website \(Brazos River Basin\)](#)



[Region K regional water planning group website \(Colorado River Basin\)](#)



[Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts](#)



[Texas Water Development Board](#)



[Texas Water Resources Education \(TAMU\)](#)

## Board of Directors

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is governed locally by ten citizens, (five from each county) who have been appointed by their respective County Commissioners Courts to serve as directors for a term of four years.

- Elvis Hernandez, President
- Kathryn Rogers, Vice President
- Michael Simmang, Secretary/Treasurer
- Sheril Smith
- Melissa Cole
- Tom Arsuffi
- Nick Textor
- Herbert Cook
- Nancci Phillips-Burgess
- Debra Phillips